Amount spent on agricultural schemes

4262. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less amount is being spent on the agricultural schemes as compared to the previous years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what has been the total amount spent, annually during the last three years; and

(c) what efforts are being made to give more importance to agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir. The expenditure for agricultural schemes (both plan and non-plan) has been increasing over the base year of 1989-90 except 1993-94 when the expenditure (provisional) was less than the previous three years.

(b) The figures of expenditure during the last three years are given below;

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Expenditure Plan and Non-Plan
1991-92	3112.77
1992-93	3410.09
1993-94	2388.21 (provisional)

(c) Government have given a very high priority to the Agricultural Sector in the 8th Fvie Year plan. The outlay for Agriculture Development Programmes has been substantially raised by about 193% during the 8th Plan to the level of Rs. 7400.00 crores over expenditure of about Rs. 2522.00 crores in the 7th Five Year Plan. The Strategy for Agricultural Development in the 8th plan aims at not only achieving self-sufficiency in food but also generating surpluses of specific agricultural commodities for export to increase the income level of the farmers. The Government have also formulated a draft Agriculture Policy Resolution, copies of which have been placed in the Parliament on 14th May, 1993 to accelerate all round development and economic viability of agriculture.

फसल बीमा योजना के अंतर्गत धनराशि में वृद्धि किया जाना

4263. **श्री आस मोहम्मद:**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:
क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बाढ़ प्रवण, सूखा प्रवण और भूकम्प प्रवण क्षेत्रों में फसल बीमा योजना के अन्तर्गत धनराशि में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) फसल बीमा योजना के अन्तर्गत किसी अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में किसानों को देय दावे के भुगतान गारन्टीशुदा पैदावार की तुलना में उस अधिसूचित क्षेत्र मे औसत वास्तविक पैदावार में आई गिरावट पर निर्भर होते हैं। चूंकि भुगतान की जाने वाली प्रतिपूर्ति का संबंध अधिसूचित क्षेत्र के किसानों को हुए नुकसान से होता है, अत: प्राकृतिक आपदा प्रवण क्षेत्रों के लिए अलग से कोई प्रबन्ध करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

Request for Exemption from Agricultural Land Ceiling Act

4264. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government to grant exemption from Agricultural Land Ceiling Act for the development of horticultural sector;

(b) if so, what was the precise plan of the Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) what was the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the Government of Maharashtra which envisaged permitting an individual or a firm, trust, company cooperative society for the